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Sir:

In response to the pending Office Action mailed March 3, 2008, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are respectfully requested. The Applicant petitions for the period for response to be extended by three months. If any fee required to consider this response is missing or deficient, Applicants authorize the fee (or any deficiency therein) to be charged to Deposit Account 14-1140 under Order No. 117-585.

The claims are presented on pages 2-5.

Claims 1 and 43 are amended.

Claims 2-3, 18-42 and 46-59 are cancelled.

Claim 60 is added.

Remarks are presented starting on page 6